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MGF 864 EVAL F 3 SOURCE: CARP. SUBJECT: WIRTH'S VISIT TO
BERLIN. DATE OF INFO 3 JANUARY 1952.

1. SED SOURCES STATE RUSSIANS OF OPINION WIRTH LABORS UNDER MANY ILLUSIONS CONCERNING INDEPENDENCE OF GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY. HE OFFICIALLY GUEST OF EBERT BUT INITIATIVE WAS BY SCHIRDEWAN. SED SUSPICIOUS. BELIEVE PURPOSE WIRTH VISIT NOT COOPERATION EASTERN BLOCK BUT EXPLORATION SOVIET INTENTIONS GERMANY AFFAIRS. EXPLAIN SUSPICIONS BY WIRTH'S EMPHASIS RUSSIAN CONFERENCES RATHER THAN GERMAN AND BY PRECISE QUESTIONS HE PUT TO GROTEWOHL AND SEMJONOV. RUSSIANS SATISFIED WITH VISIT BELINE EVEN IF HE NOT JOIN THEIR POLITICAL LINE PROPAGANDA EFFECT ON WEST GERMAN BOURGEOISIE WARRANTED PROJECT. WIRTH REPORTED STRONGLY OPPOSED TO PUBLICITY. WAS ABLE TO FORESTALL OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE HIS VISIT FOR SOME TIME.

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2. WIRTH REPORTED UNDER CONSTANT GUARD BY MINISTRY OF STATE SECURITY, PRINCIPALLY TO PREVENT OBSERVATION BY WESTERN AGENTS.

ELABORATE PREPARATION FOR SECURITY INCLUDED:

A. SYSTEMATIC REFUTATION OF RUMORS HIS PLANNED ARRIVAL PRIOR TO SAME.

B. MULTIPLE RESERVATIONS IN ADLON, JOHANNISHOF, AND GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE FOR "PROMINENT WEST GERMAN GUEST" BUT ACTUAL BILLETING IN PRIVATE HOUSE MAJAKEVSKI K. NIEDERSHOENHAUSEN.

COMMENT. RE LAST SENTENCE PARA 1 NOTE DATE OF INFORMATION. WEST GERMAN SOURCES NOW ALSO INDICATE THAT WIRTH POSSIBLY SINCERE IN ATTEMPT TO REPEAT RAPALLO TYPE CONFERENCE HE AIDED IN PREPARING WHEN CHANCELLOR 1921. WEST GERMAN INITIATIVE MAY ALSO HAVE ORIGINATED WITH SO-CALLED TAUROGGEN GROUP.

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